



## CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO IMMIGRANT RIGHTS COMMISSION

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### **San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission Statement on Flores Settlement Agreement Final Rule Change**

Since January 2017, the 45<sup>th</sup> administration has been intent on targeting immigrants through hateful rhetoric and damaging policies. It has callously separated thousands of migrant children from their parents and families and caged them in substandard, unsafe conditions in concentration centers, denying them even the most basic hygiene items like toothpaste and soap.

The administration hit a new low this week by announcing the termination of the Flores Settlement Agreement, a court-ordered policy in place for 22 years to ensure the safety and proper care of children in detention. This rule change will allow for migrant children and their families to be held indefinitely in inhumane detention centers with little oversight.

Children and families do not belong in cages. The San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission and the Office of Civic Engagement & Immigrant Affairs join Mayor Breed and community advocates in reaffirming our support of immigrants and their families. We call for humane and fair treatment of migrants fleeing untold dangers and hardships and seeking a safe and better life for their families here in the United States.

We are proud that San Francisco is a welcoming place for immigrants and all newcomers. We call on Congress to find the courage to pass comprehensive immigration reform and stop the attack on immigrants.